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correct administration of justice and to consider and discuss questions of international, municipal and maritime law which concern the welfare of civilized nations, was admirably executed. The chief subjects considered by the Congress were:

"The promotion of the settlement of international controversies by resort to the Hague Tribunal, or reference to special commissions."

"The preferable method of regulating the trial of civil actions with respect to pleading and evidence."

"A review of the four Hague conferences on private international law, the object of the conferences and probable results."

"To what extent should judicial action by courts of a foreign nation be recognized?" (Considered with especial reference to the status of individuals as affected by divorce or other decrees and the right to represent the person or property of another.)

"The protection which should be accorded to private property on the high seas in time of war."

The papers and discussions on these subjects contributed by Hon. John W. Foster, Sr. Don Emilio Velasco, of Mexico, Judge Fahlcrantz, of Stockholm, Dr. Hartmann, of Berlin, Prof. Nerincx, of the University of Louvain, Dr. Jitta, of Amsterdam, Dr. Meili, of Zurich, Judge Baldwin, Everett P. Wheeler, of New York, Hon. Wallace Nesbitt, Justice of the Supreme Court of Canada, and Hon. Sir William R. Kennedy, Justice of the High Court of England, are to be printed with a full record of the proceedings of the Congress.

There was time, too, for sociability; the hospitable Missouri Bar Association opened the week by a reception in the Missouri State Building on Monday evening and the Board of Lady Managers of the Exposition held a reception on Friday evening, while on Wednesday the Exposition management generously displaced the Bar Association's annual feast by a splendid banquet at which President Francis—who ought, by the way, to have been a lawyer—felicitously presided.

UNIFORMITY OF STATE LAWS.—The State Boards of Commissioners for Promoting Uniformity of Legislation in the United States held their fourteenth annual conference at St. Louis, September 22-24.

Thirty-one states have appointed commissioners and the conference was well attended. The scope of their work is indicated by the committees appointed: Executive; commercial law; wills, descent and distribution; marriage and divorce; conveyances; depositions and proof of statutes of other states; insurance; congressional action; appointment of new commissioners; purity of articles of commerce; uniform incorporation law; uniform system of accounting in state and municipal affairs; "Torrens System" of land registration. The chief important legislation secured by the commissioners is the Negotiable Instruments Law, adopted now by more than half the states—Kentucky and Louisiana having been added to the list during the past year.

The principal subject for consideration this year was the uniform Sales

Law prepared by Professor Williston, of Harvard. The draft was taken up and discussed by the commissioners—section by section, line by line—in the most thorough manner. Several changes were suggested and the proposed law will be further considered next year. This matter occupied the greater part of the time at the conference. One session was devoted to the consideration of a National Corporation Law and an address on that subject was given by Professor H. L. Wilgus, of the University of Michigan. This, with the report of the Committee on a Uniform Incorporation Law, of which Mr. W. S. Logan, of New York, was chairman, brought about a lively discussion of the question whether the state boards of commissioners were authorized to recommend Federal legislation. Action was finally taken permitting the committee to proceed in such way as might seem most proper to it. Professor H. W. Wiley, of the Department of Agriculture, gave a short address on the necessity for uniform pure food laws.

Dean Ames, of Harvard, has consented to draft a uniform Partnership Law to be considered at the next conference. At the suggestion of the American Warehouse Association, and through their liberality in providing funds for the purpose, Professor Williston was engaged to draw a uniform law of Warehouse Receipts. The conference has recommended uniform laws relative to the transfer of stock in corporations (adopted in five states); to the execution of wills; to the probate of foreign wills; to divorce procedure; to migratory divorce; to insurance policies. Copies of these acts may be found in the report of the Board of Commissioners of Louisiana for 1904. The proposed Sales Law is printed in the report of the Thirteenth Annual Conference, and in the first report (1903) of the Ohio State Board of Commissioners.

Convention of the Commercial Law League of America.—The Commercial Law League of America held its tenth annual convention at West Baden Springs Hotel, West Baden, Indiana, July 25-29, 1904. The League has a membership of over 1200, and the convention was well attended. The Annual Address was delivered by the President, Professor F. L. Siddons, of Washington, D. C.; addresses were delivered by Professor H. L. Wilgus, of the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor, Mich., upon the topic "Should there be a Federal Incorporation Law for Commercial Corporations?"; by the Honorable O. O. Provosty, Justice of the Supreme Court of Louisiana, on "The Testamentary Law of Louisiana"; and by the Honorable T. Moultrie Mordecai, of Charleston, S. C., on "The Bankruptcy Law in its Relation to Commerce"; Mr. M. D. Wilber gave a short address on "System"; Mr. E. H. Chamber one on "Free Reporting from a Victim's Standpoint," and Mr. Geo. H. Napier on "Office Methods."

One of the objects of the League is "to promote uniformity of legislation and practice in matters affecting commercial law," and, after reviewing the work of the League in other directions, President Siddons urged the League to undertake, as of vital importance, the work of promoting uniform commercial legislation; he also spoke of three matters of great commercial importance,—the acquisition of the Panama Canal property by the U. S.